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SUBJECT: Notes on visit to International Union and International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry in New York, September 7-12, 1951.

I had a long conversation with Dr. John Edsall. He said he felt the German situation was so critical that he would be willing to consider going the first of the year if no one else can be found for the Frankfurt position. Edsall said that he was visiting with Professor Gouban (inorganic chemistry, Göttingen) when the gentleman of Operation 63 appeared. MacPherson was a regular Army officer in uniform who sat back and said very little, although he appeared to resent the high-pressure methods of his colleague who was a man by the name of Ehrmann, not in uniform, speaking fluent German and English. Ehrmann did most of the talking, claimed to be a "mineralogist" but Edsall learned that he was a Jewish gentleman and an ex-diamond-merchant from Los Angeles. This is a first-hand account of how Operation 63 has been conducted.

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